

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 10, line 27 and ending at page 11, line 9 to read, as follows

--Fig. 4 shows an image forming apparatus which is the background art for the present invention and includes a charge eliminating member.--

Please amend the paragraphs starting at page 37, line 2 and ending at page 37, line 17 to read, as follows.

--An intermediate transferring belt of equal to or greater than $1 \times 10^{15} \Omega/\square$ is great in the time constant of charge attenuation and charges imparted to the surface thereof are residual thereon and therefore, during image forming, a corona charger 110, ~~not shown~~, was installed at a location on the intermediate transferring belt downstream of the cleaning blade 4 and upstream of the photosensitive drum 11a for the first color, and an image forming was effected while applying an AC bias of 10 kV_{pp} , 1 kHz and sine wave to thereby eliminate the residual charges on the intermediate transferring belt.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 3 and ending at page 10, line 16 to read, as follows.

--It is another object of the present invention to provide an image forming apparatus which is provided with an image bearing member bearing an a toner image; ~~image thereon~~, ~~and a transfer member contacting with the image bearing member in a contact portion~~, and ~~in which the image on the image bearing member is transferred to a transfer medium in the contact portion by the transfer member~~, the an intermediate transfer member which is